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JEFFERSON DAY

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A BI-CENTENNIAL PROCLAMATION

April 13, 1943 marks the 200th anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's birth. Author of the Declaration of Independence and spiritual father of the Bill of Rights, Jefferson was the architect of American liberty. His words and deeds shine brighter with each passing year.

Today more than ever before, Jefferson lives in the hearts of the American people. For he held that all men are created equal, that they possess certain inalienable rights, and that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed. These truths and the nation founded upon them are now challenged by the hosts of tyranny. And to defend them, our countrymen have taken up the sword of freedom.

It is fitting then that this 200th Anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's birth should be celebrated as a day of rededication to the truths which he first proclaimed and established. In this celebration, not only Americans, but the people of all the United Nations will participate. For, so long as we cherish, maintain and strengthen the democratic principles of Jefferson, the United States will remain what he conceived it to be - the world's best hope.

True Americans of all races and creeds, regardless of political affiliation will, therefore, join on April 13, 1943 in commemorating Thomas Jefferson and in pledging our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor to triumph of those principles of freedom which he bequeathed to us and to all mankind.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Pierre, this
FIRST day of APRIL 1943.

M. Q. Sharpe
Governor

ATTEST:

Mrs. L. M. Larsen
Secretary of State

(Seal)

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